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Bureau of Municipal Research Urges Substitution of 'Public' on Proposed Parkway Structure

TERMS NOT SYNONYMOUS

To Be 'Free' or to Be 'Public'; a Hot, Warm-Weather Query

FREE—(Webster's International Dictionary): Not under an arbitrary or despotic government; subject only to fixed laws which defend from encroachments upon natural or acquired rights; enjoying civil and political liberty; as, free citizens; a free people.

Not subject to some particular authority or obligation; enjoying a special privilege, immunity or the like; exempt or released, as from a tax, jurisdiction, duty, etc.

Open to common or general use; open to the use of the public in general for any purpose, as business, pleasure, religious worship, gratification of curiosity; as, a public place or road.

The Bureau of Municipal Research has started a war of words. Hostilities were opened formally today in the weekly bulletin issued by the bureau under the title of "Citizens' Question."

The "Citizens' Question," is "free" synonymous with "public" is first pronounced. A declaration of war then followed against the use of the word "free" as describing various tax-supported libraries in Philadelphia.

"How will the inscription 'The Free Library of Philadelphia' on the new structure on the Parkway look to posterity, in fact, how would it look today if inscribed in the bulletin which reads as follows:

"In 1894 the board of trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia ceased to be a private body when the city government secured representation thereon, through an ordinance of Council. This was three years after a charter had been granted to a group of public-spirited men who saw the need of a library which would be accessible to all and free of charge. Not until 1895 was the Free Library of Philadelphia established as a public library, by the passage of an act which provided for the necessary funds and appropriate money for library purposes. At that time a statute was passed making possible the present library system."

"Philadelphia was late in the field as compared with Boston and Chicago, and that is doubtless one reason why, although most of the branch libraries are very attractive structures, a suitable building has not yet been erected for the central library."

"Nearly everywhere in the United States tax-supported libraries are known as 'public libraries.' This seems to be a standard name, such as public school, public highway, etc. It is possible that the Free Library of Philadelphia, this name perhaps would be a descriptive one if it were under private control. Would it not be more appropriate for the central library to be known as the 'Public Library of Philadelphia'?"

"Such institutions, after all, presuppose democracy in operation and an extension of educational facilities to those who have had no opportunity, or perhaps limited opportunity, for self-development. They should take education to the people. Service to the community is the modern library's duty. The business men's branch of the Newark Library is an example of this new spirit."

"The furnishing of good reading is in very general a public function. It is only when the many things which are printed and later taken over by the community. Private philanthropy has done its part well in this and in many other directions."

"For the first few years the Free Library of Philadelphia was managed by a committee of the Board of Education. Clearly this is where the control should have remained. Libraries are all, or nearly all, a part of the educational system, and the schools will be strongly toward placing the district and libraries under the central direction of the Board of Education."

"The Board of Education, in its capacity for both purposes, and effecting great savings in operation and maintenance. Most cities have gone through the same experience in separate management, and several are discovering that economy and efficiency in education demand a simplification and unification of educational facilities. They are getting back to the idea of the founders of the first library—that it was to be supplementary to the public school."

In connection with the proposed new charter, it might be well to take the library out of the present anomalous position in the department of the Mayor and place it functionally where it belongs."

ESTATE LEFT TO FIANCEE

Harry C. Halbert Bequeathes Property to Intended Wife—Other Wills

"I leave all my earthly possessions to Emma C. Keen, my intended wife. Thus does the will of Harry C. Halbert, 106 Vine street, admitted to probate today, dispose of personality valued at \$1000 and realty, the value of which is not stated."

Other wills probated were those of Charles H. Fitzgerald, 1837 North 17th street, which in private bequests disposes of property valued at \$1000; William H. Kilpatrick, 1508 Poplar street, \$46,000; Henry Rhodes, 4107 Orchard street, \$7537; Annie Lazarus, 702 Saller street, \$7081; James G. Ziegler, 414 North 31st street, \$7090; Charles G. McCloskey, 1623 North 29th street, \$5100; Sarah Stewart, 2171 Adams street, \$5000, and John Battersby, 884 East 12th street, \$1500.

The personality of the estate of Esther S. Zesley has been appraised at \$4917.74, and John W. Bruman, \$4193.29.

Curtis Company Buys Properties

In a deed recorded yesterday the Curtis Publishing Company takes title to the three dwellings numbered 1914-1916 South 11th street, occupying a lot 84 by 74 feet, at the southwest corner of 11th and Kimball streets, and adjoining the large warehouse of the Curtis Publishing Company at the northwest corner of 11th street and Washington avenue. Conveyance was made by Garfield Smith, who had purchased the property at various times during the past three months. The negotiations were conducted by Minerva T. Wright & Co., representing the Curtis Publishing Company.

Gets Job, Killed First Day

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 13.—John F. McDermott, of Philadelphia, was killed here yesterday when the snapping of a rope caused a heavy Poliole to fall upon him at Chelsea school. McDermott was putting in the first day of his only job in months. He came here yesterday.

250-POUND SHARK CAUGHT

Fisher Captures 7 1/2-Foot Fish Off Seabright, N. J.

SEABRIGHT, N. J., July 13.—A 7 1/2-foot shark, weighing 250 pounds, was captured three miles off Seabright, N. J., after a steady hunt and brought to shore today by the crew of the sloop H. C. Lundy.

The shark grabbed one of the sloop's fishing hooks and started to run. All hands banded on the line and the shark struck and went violently until it was killed with an ax. No one ventured an opinion as to whether it was a man-eater.

CATCHES A BABY SHARK

Philadelphia Lands One 12 Inches Long at Ocean City

OCEAN CITY, N. J., July 13.—A 12-inch baby shark, 11 1/2 inches long, Philadelphia, who is spending the summer here, caught a baby shark while fishing on Foggy Pier on the boardwalk here yesterday.

The shark was about 12 inches long.

Glendon Tax Rate Fixed

Burgess J. V. Mackey, of Glendon, has secured the tax rate. Six mills go to the general revenue and 4 1/2 mills to the Glendon school.



WHERE SHARKS ATTACKED Beach Haven, Spring Lake and Matawan, N. J., successively have been the scenes of raids which have resulted in tragedy. If it has been the same shark in each case, he is moving northward and will soon be clear of the New Jersey coast.

NEW CHARTER, SMALL COUNCIL AND MANAGER ADVOCATED FOR CITY

Committee Outlines Plan for Complete Revision of Philadelphia's Administration

WOULD END COUNTY JOBS

The complete revision of Philadelphia's city charter, a "city manager" to direct the affairs of the municipality and the abolition of Councils as now constituted are the aims of a committee of well-known citizens who have launched a campaign to bring about modifications of the Bullitt Bill.

The committee, known as the Committee on Revision of the Philadelphia Charter, organized at an executive session held late yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce in the Widener Building.

John C. Winston, of the Committee of Seventy, is chairman. He was empowered to appoint a subcommittee of five or seven to plan the campaign during the summer months and report to a meeting of the General Committee, to be held some time in September. Frederick Greunberg, of the Bureau of Municipal Research, is secretary.

The committee plans the following reforms:

A small Council of not more than 21 members, to be elected on the basis of proportional representation, or by majority vote in a few large districts.

The Council should be empowered to hire a city manager, who should have sole charge of all departments now under the Mayor. The abolition of the "county" offices.

To make such offices as that of Coroner, Clerk of the Court, Recorder of Deeds, etc., appointive instead of elective.

The committee is composed of the following: Chamber of Commerce—Alba B. Johnson, Howard B. French, James Collins Jones, Committee of Seventy—John C. Winston, Charles L. McKeehan, George W. Norris, John Hampton Barnes, Thomas Raeburn 1915 Bureau of Municipal Research—Frederick Greunberg, Leo S. Howe, United Business Men's Association—Edward B. Martin, For the Mayor—Joseph P. Gaffney, City Club—George W. Norris, N. K. K. Club—Clintons Republican League—Ernest L. Tustin, Citizens Rogers Woodruff, Cyrus D. Foss, Jr.

PLAN SUBSEA FLEET TO AID GERMANY

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men, are considering the advisability of forming a submarine fleet to operate under the American flag, a service similar to that begun by the Ocean Reheiser with its submersible freighter Deutschland.

"The success of the trip of the Deutschland, and the huge profits which are already assured—the cost of that vessel being practically paid by her first voyage—lead those who are planning the new venture to expect it to prove successful financially."

The papers will be spent soon, barring unexpected developments.

LAKE AS ADVISER

Captain Lake placed his "O. K." upon the announcement and gave the following additional facts:

The submarines will have a 5000-ton capacity.

They will cost about \$1,250,000 each. They will be based on my latest patents, but will also embody principles which I patented as long ago as 1897.

They will be in the Atlantic position, where I believe the market is best, and was suitable for cargo-carrying purposes, and though pierced by shell-fire their buoyancy will keep them afloat.

"Captains of the Deutschland, Mr. Hilken and the others interested, consider my patents feasible," he said. "I shall be employed in an advisory capacity and retain my patents. We had a very satisfactory conference and I have reason to believe that the corporation will soon be formed."

UNLIMITED MONEY.

Incidentally, Lake explained, he drew plans several years ago for an under-ice submarine for a Canadian Railway, to run during the winter between Vancouver and Victoria, but the financiers of the road balked at the expense.

This will not be the case in the new corporation.

Paul Hilken, who, with Alfred Lohmann, Bremen, fulfilled the dream of actually operating a submarine across the ocean, is prepared to furnish unlimited money. Backing him, in part, are the Krupp interests, it is understood, for their representatives are taking part in the preliminary conferences.

"It will be a wonderful thing for both the United States and Germany," said Hilken. "Just think of what this country can obtain from Germany, and of the food, rubber and metals we can send back there past the British 'tarvation blockade.'"

POPE NAMES MGR. McDEVITT AS BISHOP OF HARRISBURG

Philadelphia Appointed to Succeed Late Bishop Shanahan—Was Head of Parish Schools Here

His first appointment was as an assistant at the Church of the Nativity, Allegheny avenue and Belgrade street. He served there until he was appointed superintendent of parish schools in May, 1895. On the celebration of his silver anniversary as a priest he was created domestic prelate with the title of monsignor by Pope Pius X.

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Monastor Philip R. McDevitt, superintendent of parish schools for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and widely known as a Catholic churchman, lecturer and educator, has been appointed Bishop of Harrisburg by Pope Benedict to succeed the late Bishop Shanahan.

The announcement of the appointment was received here from Rome today. The date of his consecration has not been announced in this city, but it probably will take place this month, with Archbishop Pranderger officiating.

Monsignor McDevitt was born in the northeastern section of this city on July 12, 1845. He is the son of the late Richard and Mary A. McDevitt. He was a graduate of La Salle College in the class of 1877 and, after attending the seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, at Overbrook, was ordained to the priesthood in 1885.

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day's official mark of 91. The Weather Bureau promised no relief. Six have died and scores have been prostrated.

CLEVELAND, July 13.—Cleveland sweated again today in the third consecutive day of oppressive heat. Four deaths were reported and three persons were bitten by mad dogs in the last 24 hours. Street temperatures were again near the 100 mark.

Three Heat Deaths in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, O., July 13.—Three persons, two babies and an aged man, died of heat wave which sent the mercury up to 91 degrees.

The babies were thronged with men and women sleeping in the open to gain a breath of fresh air, the parks having been thrown open by the order of the city.

No Relief From Heat for Several Days

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Nearly every section of the country suffered yesterday in the hottest weather of the summer, and the prospect today could give no hope of relief for several days to come.

DU PONT WAR ORDERS TOTAL \$176,593,991

Pierre du Pont Quotes Figures in Testimony at Big Powder Trial

WILMINGTON, Del., July 13.—The du Pont Powder Company, according to testimony given by Pierre du Pont, president of the company, in the stock suit in the United States Court today, had received 1914 war contracts up to last September, \$176,593,991.

The cross-examination of Mr. du Pont ended today and he was questioned on re-direct examination. At the conclusion of his cross-examination he was questioned on a letter written to him by Coleman du Pont, February 23, 1915, to the effect that the powder stock might reach 500 and the writer thought the men at the helm should be informed.

He expressed fear that this country might get into war and the company would have to supply the ammunition.

"Coleman wrote me and asked me to sell 40,000 shares.

On re-direct examination, Pierre said the \$5,500,000 loan had nothing to do with the company's balances.

In regard to the fluctuations in the Morgan bank, he said they were due to credits on foreign contracts, and in anticipation of the war contracts, which were made in 1914 that the fund should be handled in that manner.

Several New York and Philadelphia bankers were examined, relative to the loan referred to and all agreed that they considered it a good risk and that it helped rather than hindered the credit of the company.

Three Killed in Du Pont Explosion

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 13.—Three men were killed and nearly 15 injured by an explosion in the ballistite plant of the Du Pont powder works here today. The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained.

DETROIT, Mich., July 13.—Heat records in Detroit today threatened to pass yesterday's.

COKE-CRAZED NEAR-THESPIANS BOMBAST OUT BLANK VERSES

Make Rafters Ring in Cobwebbed Lyceum Theatre—'Sdeath and Zounds, Too—Enter the Cops—Quick Curtain

Shades of Othello and Macbeth mingled with the spirit of Deadehead Dick. The most of Nellie, the Cloak Model and other sprites famed in the romantic world of melodrama hovered in the dusty valleys and trees, and above their mutinous mutterings rose rattle and rattle breathing defiance to art and Shakespeare. This hilarious medley of tragedy and comedy reverberated through the old Lyceum theatre.

"One street below Eighth" which for many years has run the gauntlet of every form of emotional amusement from tragedy to business and worse.

The actors, six of them, presented a weird picture as they ranted and pranced about the stage mouthing the maledictions of mighty monarchs and challenging the universe to dare have a thought which was contrary to the omnipotent opinions.

What cared they for the torrid terror of eye sweltering street, the clang of trolley cars or the mad howling of venomous vendors whose muddled brains knew nothing of the days of chivalry, when men fought on foaming steeds for the smile of a fair maid—more, more, when valiant knights shot their breakfast in the woods and feasted amid towering trees and silvery streams?

THESEPIAN RANTING.

One of these strenuous thespians said as much in a speech which "made the rafters rattle" and "brought for a moment when a member of this impromptu cast opined that 'teen non fight over foaming brows, stay out all night and don't get home for breakfast.'"

Even perspiration did not affect their inspiration. Some wore ermine and crowns of gems. They held jeweled sceptres and bowed with superior dignity as their pages stood awe-stricken in their majestic presence.

At times the imperious commands of these great rulers were answered by crying maids and the mad scurrying of a rat or two frightened from their stygian dungeons by the voices, which seemed all out of place in the terror-stricken atmosphere.

At times as the more dramatic of the thespians ranted through speeches which would have brought wealth and fame to heroes of the past.

Even the ragged curtain itself seemed to droop with sadness as the great speeches echoed about the walls.

And it will not, unlike a Roman amphitheatre of the days of Nero, for there were the tiers and tiers of seats which once held howling mobs who felt the thrills that came over the footlights now crumbled under of existence and buried in the dust of death.

At times there were little snatches of rag time when some of the present day actors tried to brighten the proceedings. These

ENDEAVORERS MARCH ON STATE CAPITAL TO BOOM TEMPERANCE

Four Thousand Show Strength in State and Activity in Anti-Liquor Campaign

GREETED BY BRUMBAUGH

HARRISBURG, July 13.—Temperance was the keynote of today's session of the State Christian Endeavor convention here. Following stirring addresses and temperance songs last evening, a parade of 4000 or more Endeavorers was formed this afternoon for a march on the Capitol, where Governor Brumbaugh is scheduled to greet them.

The procession will have two purposes—to demonstrate the strength of the organization in the State and to make its force felt in the anti-liquor campaign now being waged. Five hundred Adams County delegates came in today especially for this purpose.

The parade will be headed by Homer Roddeaver, trombonist of Billy Sunday fame, and will be gay with banners and insignias. The Philadelphia contingent will carry flags and wear badges bearing replicas of the Liberty Bell, with the Christian Endeavor monogram, supported by a silver bar which appears the word Philadelphia.

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MELONS SEIZED BY AGENT OF DAIRY AND FOOD BUREAU

Two Carloads Confiscated Despite Efforts of Curb Merchants and Hucksters to Purchase Them

DANGER IN DECAYED FRUIT

Children in the south and southeast sections of Philadelphia are being infected with the germs of summer diseases by eating decayed watermelon and cantaloupes sold by the curb merchants and hucksters here.

And the dangerous thoughtlessness of vendors with whom these merchants are buying and disposing of decayed melons has been brought to the attention of State and Federal inspectors, with the result that a crusade is to be started.

Robert M. Simmers, special agent of the Dairy and Food Bureau of the State Department of Agriculture, condemned and seized two carloads of decayed and over-ripe watermelons and cantaloupes from the Pennsylvania Railroad freight yards. Curb merchants and hucksters who sell their goods in the congested districts for ridiculously low prices besought the special agent to allow them to buy the melons. They offered \$60 for each of the cars or \$100 for the 2200 watermelons.

The special agent, however, ordered the supply dumped in the railroad's refuse heap on the Schuylkill River. He ordered the cars removed.

The melons, he said, no doubt would start an epidemic of summer diseases among the poor people who would buy them. Complaints from this very source, he said, had reached him from physicians and health officers in those sections of the city.

The two carloads of melons he condemned were shipped from Macon, Ga., July 5. They were sent to Baltimore. By the time they reached there the merchants would have them. The notification came to Mr. Simmers, who quickly ordered the cars dumped and the melons consigned to the refuse heap. Government food inspectors concurred in his order.

The merchants who wanted to buy the condemned melons assured the inspectors that they would cut them up and sell the "good" slices. They were told that there were no "good" slices. At the price they intended to buy the melons, they could easily afford to sell them at a penny a slice or two slices for a penny.

The wholesale price of melons is 17 or 19 cents apiece. At their price they would get them at about a penny apiece,